

MEMO TO FILE

(8-19-87)

Re: Asbestos Spill - 2700 N. Glenstone

I received a call from the Springfield Fire Dept. at approximately 7:15 P.M. (8-19-87) stating that they had a spill in the 2700 block of North Glenstone and needed some assistance. Apparently a trailer, overloaded with asbestos, had failed causing the load to shift breaking open several bags of asbestos. Only the water in the bags spilled out of the trailer. I contacted Mr. Ron Boyer, Springfield Health Dept., to have him meet me at the spill site. When I arrived at 7:45 P.M. I talked to Capt. R.G. Harris, Spfd. Fire Dept. All of the spilled liquid was contained, next to the curb, with sawdust dams. The liquid was spread out over an area 30' long by 1' wide. No liquid reached any storm drains.

The asbestos come from the old Smith-Glynn building. The company removing the asbestos was Western Spray, Joplin, MO (787-4880). The owner of the equipment and the person supervising the cleanup was Mr. Dean Hartfronft.

Part of the bags of asbestos were transferred to another trailer before I arrived. When Ron Boyer arrived he agreed with their cleanup procedure and the moving of the damaged trailer to the MO State Highway Dept. parking lot where it would be sealed with plastic. In the morning (8-20-87) Western Spray will transfer the remaining material to another trailer. This operation will be under the supervision of Ron Boyer. Mr. Boyer stated that the damaged trailer would have to be decontaminated before it could be salvaged.

The liquid on the street was scooped up and placed in double plastic bags. The remaining liquid left along the curb was absorbed with sawdust, swept up and placed in double plastic bags. Cleanup was completed by approximately 8:30 P.M.

Apparently the asbestos was being taken to Joplin, MO for disposal. A fireman at the site told Ron and I that the trailer carrying the asbestos did not have a placard on it until just before we arrived, when a placard was placed on the back of the trailer.

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